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SUBJECT: THE NOVA SCOTIA SWORDFISHERY: REOPENING?

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1. JOHN MULLALLY, NOVA SCOTIA'S DEPUTY FISHERIES MINISTER, CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR THE EARLY REOPENING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA SWORDFISHERY WHICH WAS EFFECTIVELY CLOSED BY US AND CANADIAN FEDERAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES IN 1970 WHEN THE INTERSTATE AND INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING OF SWORDFISH WAS PROHIBITED BECAUSE OF MERCURY CONTAMINATION IN THE FISH. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT IN PRESS ATTRIBUTED TO MULLALLY, THE DECISION BY GOC WHETHER TO REOPEN THE CANADIAN MARKET IS EXPECTED "WITHIN TWO MONTHS".

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD", DR C M BLACKWOOD, DIR-GEN OF INDUSTRY SERVICES DIRECTORATE, GOC DEPT OF FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT, STATED HE "OPTIMISTIC" THAT FEDERAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WILL FIND WAY TO MARKET SWORDFISH IN CANADA DESPITE HIGH LEVEL OF MERCURY CONTAMINATION. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT PROSPECT FOR REOPENING US
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MARKET NOT RPT NOT BRIGHT. THIS WAS MESSAGE HE GOT FROM US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN TALKS HE HAD WITH THEM A MONTH AGO.

3. MULLALLY DENIED TO CONOFF THAT HE NECESSARILY SAW SWORDFISHERY DECISION COMING "WITHIN TWO MONTHS" BUT SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE WITHIN THAT PERIOD OF

TIME, GIVE OR TAKE A LITTLE. HE WAS ALSO NOT AT ALL PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF EVENTUALLY REOPENING US MARKET TO INTERSTATE SALE OF SWORDFISH DESPITE PRESENT FDA BAN THEREON. THE US-CANADIAN TALKS OF A MONTH AGO ON THIS SUBJECT, HE SAID, WERE A ONE-DAY AFFAIR WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE FDA ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FORTHCOMING BAN ON SACCHARINE. US OFFICIALS WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THAT TOPIC AND HAD NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON SWORDFISH ISSUE. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT ONCE US HEALTH AUTHORITIES HAVE STUDIED MATTER, THEY WILL CONCLUDE THAT INTERSTATE SALE OF SWORDFISH WILL BE PERMISSIBLE WITH APPROPRIATE HEALTH WARNING.

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